

REMARKS

Claims 16-20 are pending in the application. These claims were rejected as follows:

Claims / Section	35 U.S.C. Sec.	References / Notes
16-20	§102(e) Anticipation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wydra, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,598,067).

5 Pursuant to MPEP §201.15, Applicant has provided a certified translation of the priority application with this response (attached as an Appendix). Since the priority date for the present application is May 12, 1999, and the filing date of Wydra is July 26, 1999, and since the application file has a perfected claim of priority and certified copy of the priority document, Applicant respectfully requests
10 that this reference be removed as a prior art reference.

CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by submission of the certified translation of the priority document, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested
15 that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any fees which may be due and owing or credit any overpayments with regard to this application to Deposit Account No. 501519.

Respectfully submitted,

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